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Serial No. 10/037,293	Filing Date December 21, 2001	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit To Be Assigned
Inventor(s) Shuji Sasaki et al.			
Title of Invention Settlement Processing Method and Settlement Processing System			

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Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate), Submission of Certified Copy of Foreign Priority Document, Certified Copy of JP 2000-401536, and Return Postcard.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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